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PEIPING UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS DENOUNCED FOR FAVORING US

During the current campaign against capitalist ideology in the Chinese mainland universities, the Peiping Kuan-ming Jih-pao, on 3 April 1952, carried on Peiping University News Agency article headlined, "Peiping University Professors Courageously Criticize Putrid Capitalist Class Ideology." This article, written by a student correspondent, criticized the worship of the US by some of the professors and other manifestations of capitalist ideology. Excerpts from the article follow:

The struggle against the capitalist class ideology at Peiping University has already achieved great results. However, among the professors at Peiping University, the capitalist class ideology seriously persists and there are even some professors who still possess feudalistic, compradore, and reactionary fascist ideas.

The exposure of reactionary ideology clearly indicated that feudalistic class ideas and dogmatic consciousness still persist in the minds of some teachers and dominate their thinking. And what is more universal is the worship of US ideology among the professors. Some professors, allowing their worship of US thinking to descend to the level of superstition, have glorified everything of the US as "golden and precious," while assuming an attitude of complete suspicion and distrust for the achievements of Soviet science. Some professors willingly act as spokesman for imperialist cultural aggression and openly propagandize the so-called material civilization of the US imperialists. For instance, in the past, some professors not only listened to the Voice of America, but became its "human bugles." At that time, they brazenly and shamelessly said they listened to the Voice of America because they felt dissatisfied with the news in the papers and needed the news from both sides for comparison before they could really know the true conditions.

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One professor has "criticized" himself for being able to recite the capitals of the 48 states in the US, which he thought reflected his ability; although up to now he has only a primary grade student's knowledge of the geography and history of his own country. From this it is not difficult to see how seriously some professors have been poisoned by US imperialist culture.

Even after liberation, some professors sent their theses to the US for publication. Moreover, they encouraged their students to send theirs to the US. For example, a certain professor told a third-year engineering student "Publishing your thesis in China is not as worthwhile as publishing it in the US. I can translate it into English and send it to the US for you." Some professors openly declared that their courses were solely designed to prepare the students for their studies in the US and said to the students: "After you have taken this course you will have no problem when you go to the US."

Of even greater seriousness, there are some professors who wholeheartedly resist the government, believing that this shows they have "backbone." The chairman of the Mathematics Department slandered members of the Youth Corps by characterizing them as being leashed by their noses and dragged around by the Communist Party. In September 1951, a member of the Mathematics Department was preparing to go to Northeast China, but the above-mentioned chairman gave reasons why US planes must bomb the Northeast, which frightened this member and kept him from going. A certain professor in the Economic Department, without regard for facts, maliciously lied when he said that there was no need to believe that the Chinese People's Liberation Army numbered 5 million men; that actually it only has 2 million, that the remaining 3 million are prisoners captured from the KMT, and that if the 2 million are knocked out, the 3 million will be beaten.

In this ideological struggle, students sincerely and actively assist the professors to reform their thoughts and accelerating the progress of the campaign. Some of the professors, who were deeply imbued with the worship US ideology have taken the first steps to criticize their shameless ideology. For example, Pu Ying, chairman of the Chemical Engineering Department, in the past always praised the US. During the Three-Anti Movement, before his first self-criticism was approved, he said that if his second self-criticism was not approved he would just let matters stand as they were. After soul-searching and with the help of student comrades, he not only acknowledged his errors, but angrily denounced the way in which he was enslaved and poisoned by US imperialism.

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